What you need to know about the Oshawa riding

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Four key things to know about the Oshawa riding:

THE RIDING: The Oshawa riding currently encompasses all of the City of Oshawa south of Taunton Road. Areas north of Taunton are part of the Durham riding.

THE RACE:

COLIN CARRIE, CONSERVATIVE: Carrie is seeking his seventh term as MP for Oshawa. He is a chiropractic doctor who practised in Oshawa before he was first elected in 2004. In Ottawa, Carrie was the parliamentary secretary for the industry, environment and health portfolios when his party was in power under Stephen Harper.

"I will continue to work across party lines, building on my track record of securing unprecedented major investment into Oshawa's infrastructure, learning, advanced R&D, skills training, student jobs, recreation, seniors, transit, housing, the arts, manufacturing and our harbour cleanup," he said.

SHAILENE PANYLO, NDP: This is Panylo's second time running for the NDP in Oshawa, and she finished second to Carrie in 2019. She is a researcher for EDI consulting and the director of Durham Black Student Network, a non-profit that serves marginalized and at-risk Black youth by offering mentorship programs and professional development.

"I pledge to uplift the city I call home by being a strong advocate and working hard to address the many crises we're facing, including poverty, a need for affordable housing, accessible mental health and health care, the climate emergency, economic challenges and affordability. It's time for change, and Oshawa is ready."

AFROZA HOSSAIN, LIBERAL: Hossain is also running in the riding for the second time. Her professional background is in financial services and accounting, and she is the founder of ecohug.ca, a website that sells environmentally sustainable products.

"I pledge to be a fresh, new voice that represents the Oshawa of today - diverse and progressive. That means a Liberal voice bringing $10/day child care, investments in innovative businesses, hiring in hard-hit sectors and serious climate action. This is what Oshawa wants, and I won't ignore my constituents."

DARRYL MACKIE, PEOPLE'S PARTY OF CANADA: Mackie is running in the Oshawa riding for the first time. He is a teacher.

"I pledge to defend and strengthen our Charter of Rights and Freedoms. I pledge to oppose vaccine mandates and passports and end lockdowns. I pledge to solve the unclean drinking water problem on remote reserves. I pledge to secure our borders, keep a balanced budget and maintain sustainable immigration levels."

SONNY MIR, GREEN PARTY: Mir is also running in the riding for the first time.

Mir did not return a candidate profile to Durhamregion.com, but on his website, he says he strictly believes in a sustainable lifestyle and always picks the green choice. "The earth is our home, and we must keep it livable for future generations," he stated.

THE ISSUES:

Major local issues in previous campaigns have been largely resolved, including the future of the General Motors plant in Oshawa and the transfer of a portion of federal port lands to the city. Though a large amount of growth in Oshawa is happening in the north end of the city, infill projects in the downtown and other areas in the south are bringing new residents, which means issues that resonate with young families resonate here. Housing is a major issue for new buyers looking for affordable homes; a large renter population that has seen rents skyrocket; and low-income people. Downtown Oshawa has struggled with homelessness in recent years, and the availability of affordable housing is a major part of that.

BACKGROUND:

The riding has been held by Carrie since 2004. In recent elections, this has been a three-way race between the Conservatives, NDP and Liberals, with Carrie winning 39 per cent of the vote in 2019. It's a rematch of that race with both Panylo and Hossain running for a second time. Historically, all major parties have represented Oshawa. It was held by former NDP leader Ed Broadbent in the 1970s and 1980s and Liberal Ivan Grose in the 1990s. There were 102,000 eligible voters in the riding in 2019, with 61 per cent voter turnout.

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